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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

For Our Readers.

To prove our appreciation of the support given the **AVANCE** for the past ten years, we propose to make a change that we believe will be appreciated by our readers. The added expense will be larger, and will necessitate our asking a prompt settlement of accounts past due, and in order to fully carry out the plan proposed, we must add largely to our subscription list to keep it upon a paying basis, without which no enterprise can live. We confidently claim that we have worked faithfully for the advancement of this section of the State, which work we propose to continue with renewed energy, and we, as confidently, expect the continued support of the people. The first change will be, that the **AVANCE** will be doubled in size, while the subscription price remains the same, and the special department devoted to agriculture, will be alone worth much more than the cost to our rural subscribers. The general news, and literary portions will be so enlarged that we shall present the best family newspaper, published in Northern Michigan, and no objectionable matter will be admitted to our columns.

The international series of Sunday school lessons, which have proved so welcome, will be continued.

Added material in the office gives us facilities for increased work in our job department, which we propose to keep equal to any office in the State, of our class, using only first class stock and making prices fair to all parties.

We will submit the change to your verdict upon which will hang its continuance.

If those who receive stolen property are thieves, are the two who received the stolen seats in the Michigan senate honorable senators?—*Det. Journal.*

The democratic steal of the seat of Senator Morse, and giving it to the bigamous Friedlander, is not likely to prove a joyful combination—to them.

The North Carolina legislature has redistricted the state, making eight democratic and one republican district.

Willard Stearns, Democrat, of Adirondack, endorses the recent steal of two seats in the senate. The party that committed the theft ought now to endorse Stearns.—*Det. Journal.*

Representative Hall has introduced a bill creating a new judicial circuit to be composed of the counties of Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford and Osgo.—*West Branch Times.*

The messenger boys in the state capital are kicking because the Democrat party leaders have assessed them \$10 each to help carry on the campaign.—*Det. Journal.*

The board of control of the soldiers' home made a rule the first of the year that the soldiers should turn over all their pension money to their families except \$1. The veterans kicked about this and absolutely refuse to comply with the rule.

One of the principles of the democratic party, according to Mr. Cleveland, is "absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority." Why then, was the rebellion inaugurated when Lincoln was elected president.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill providing that non-resident aliens shall not be allowed to acquire or hold lands in the state, and giving non-resident aliens seven years in which to dispose of their lands. If the lands are not disposed of in that time they revert to the state.

What has become of the howl for the repeal of the McKinley bill? Have our free trade contemporaries really heard from the country at this early date or have they realized at last that the McKinley bill is here to stay for five or six years, at the least? Have they lost their grip and voice in sheer hopelessness?—*N. Y. Press.*

It is the opinion of experts that tin will be found in paying quantities in the upper peninsula before long. Baraga county is said to be the most favorable locality for locating deposits of this mineral. Only for the McKinley bill they would never have thought of looking for tin.—*Cheboygan Tribune.*

Two years ago this date, the "hambuck legislature" had found time to pass 110 bills. The reform bill, however, which is now grinding tires at Lansing, has been able thus far to pass only 43 bills. For this amount of work the state has been put to an expense of over \$50,000.—*Bay City Tribune.*

We desire to specially call the attention of our democratic free trade friends to a few solid facts, which like all other facts prevent the only convincing argument known to poor weak doubting human nature: When the McKinley bill was pending, and indeed after it had become a law, you insisted that it was absurd to put a tariff on linen, because this country could not build and successfully operate linen mills. The tariff was put on linen, and the result is, that three linen mills are already in operation in the New England States, while others are being built and equipped as rapidly as possible at Minneapolis, Minn.; at Eau Claire, Wis. and at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. So much for one free trade prediction. Now, for another. All during the last campaign the working men were told by democratic editors and orators that the tariff on tin plates put a tax upon his dipper and dinner bucket notwithstanding they knew, or should have known, that the tin plate section of the McKinley bill would not become a law until July 1, 1891. Now for the effect of that law upon American industries. Before its enactment not a pound of tin plate was made in the United States, now American Mills are turning it out by the ton and more than a dozen large mills are in process of erection in various sections of the country, and the tin mines in this country are being for the first time profitably worked, and, most important of all, the price of tin plate is today, in Chicago and New York, twenty per cent less than it was last September, and dealers are predicting that it will be still cheaper after the new mills get to work. This isn't campaign blarney, but it is a plain statement of hard solid facts, which can be fully proven.

Joseph H. Lawless of the Union Pearl Company of New York city says in the Brooklyn Standard Union:

"Previous to the passage of the McKinley bill there were employed in this country in this business between 100 and 150 men. They were principally engaged in making articles for jewelry manufacturers. Nearly all of the buttons were imported. In Vienna there were from 35,000 to 35,000 men employed making buttons for this country, and in England and France there were thousands similarly engaged. In Vienna they paid workmen from 30 to 55 cents a day, and in this country the average was from \$2 to 2.50. The duty was only 25 per cent ad valorem, so we could not successfully compete. Now the duty is 25 per cent ad valorem and in addition 25 cents a line for 1-40th of an inch, making a button one inch of 40 lines \$1. Now we have a chance."

"The effect of the passage of the bill is the stoppage of importation in cheaper grades of goods, and the wages of mechanics have increased 50 per cent. Before the bill passed we employed but from twelve to fifteen men. Two months after it went into effect that number was increased to 37. Two months hence there will be from 5,000 to 6,000 at work through the country, instead of about 150 as before the bill passed. Our premises here and our facilities have been outgrown by our business, so we are going to Brooklyn. We have purchased a plot of ground at the corner of Barry and North First street, and will put up a brick building 45x90, four stories high, in which we will manufacture pearl goods of every kind. Work on it will be begun next week, and the building will be finished by May. We will employ at least three hundred men."

"The increase in the volume of business, of every similar form in the country has been correspondingly increased, and we can't find men enough to do our work. I believe that in two or three years we will be able to make goods as cheaply as they are made in foreign countries, because the McKinley bill will give us a start, and many improvements will be made in our machinery."

The provisions of the Postal Subsidy Bill in substance are as follows: The postmaster-general is authorized to contract, after due advertisement, with the lowest responsible bidders, for terms of not less than five nor more than ten years, with American citizens, for carrying the mails on American steamships between ports of the United States and such foreign ports (excluding Canada) as, in his judgment will best promote the postal and commercial interest of the United States, the mail service to be distributed equally among the Atlantic, Mexican, Gulf and Pacific ports. The vessels are to be American-built ships of the most approved types, owned and operated by American citizens, and the crew to be composed of American citizens in certain named proportions.

The **AVANCE** acknowledges the receipt of the first number of the Quarterly Register of Current History issued by the Detroit Evening News Association. This number covers the history of the year 1890 and gives in a concise form much valuable information of the happenings of that year. Hereafter it will be issued every three months covering the events of the quarter. The price is \$1.00 per year or 25 cents per number.

A Change in the land laws provides that all homesteaders shall reside upon and cultivate their land for at least fourteen months before they will be allowed to commute or buy it in.

School Notes.

Many of our pupils are afflicted with colds.

Look out for the postponed lecture, in the near future.

Mrs. Canfield and Mr. Morton were visitors last week.

The lyceum will be open to the public, next Friday eve. The exercises will begin at seven o'clock sharp.

Our German class now reads a weekly paper, entitled the "German Kinder Post."

Three new pupils in the high-school last week, we have thus far enrolled 62 this term.

Our class in composition is doing creditable work. If you have time, come in any day at eleven o'clock and hear their productions.

Parents—the teachers give all the pupils work to do at home in the evening. Will you kindly see to it that it is done and thus save your boys and girls from the evil influences which surround them, if allowed to spend their evenings on the street?

If any teachers contemplate entering our school for the spring term to review, it will be to their advantage to let the principal know as soon as possible. If a sufficient no. enter, a class in "Theory and Art of Teaching" will be formed for their benefit.

Parents—is it not your duty to visit the school? A talk with the teacher about your children would result in much good to them and doubtless clear up many misunderstandings.

We hope the proceeds of our lecture will be large. We need the money to start a much needed library. Some scholars, it is true, have reference libraries at home, but the majority, labor at a great disadvantage. If ours is to be a public school, let us give each seeker for knowledge an equal chance. Buy a ticket and help establish a permanent benefit.

PHYSICAL culture? What is physical culture? The present aim and the certain result of this new "fad" include the attainment of good health and a fine form; and a fine form outranks a pretty face in the popular estimate of physical beauty. Who is not willing to make some effort for such a desirable attainment? It is not so difficult, after all, if you only know how; and if you want to know how, you may learn from the April number of **DEAN'S FAMOUS MAGAZINE**, which contains a splendid article on "Physical Culture," by Prof. E. B. Yarnman, A. M., giving a course of exercises, profusely illustrated, which will help everybody—man, woman, or child—to acquire a graceful, supple form, and with out going to a gymnasium, or even spending a cent for apparatus.

And this is not the only attraction of this excellent number of this excellent magazine: "The Land of Our Next Neighbor," "The Care of Palms in the Drawing-Room," "How Art Students Live in New York," "Grottoes: Ways of Decorating Easter Eggs," "Kite-Flying" (for the boys), all handsomely illustrated, several capital stories, a fine article on "Thinness: Its Causes and Cure," by Susanna W. Dodds, M. D., are a few of its other features, and there are nearly three hundred illustrations, including a full-page water-color Easter card. As an all-around "family" magazine, this one cannot be beat; there is something in every number for father, mother, and every one of the children; and it is only \$2 per year. Published by W. JENNINGS DEXTER, 15 East 14th Street, New York.

The *New York Press*, says: "Canada's connection with the United States is not a matter that can be settled by Canadian voters. There are 5,000,000 inhabitants of the Dominion. There are 65,000,000 inhabitants of the United States. On the broad principle of the greatest good for the greatest number, the 65,000,000 will eventually determine the future of Canada, and the Canadians may be absolutely certain that they will get no trade concessions from the United States while Canada discriminates against us in favor of England. We say this with due regard to the fact that to discriminate in our favor against England, means annexation."

The Republicans of Michigan having learned that votes not cast are not counted in this state, will probably abandon the effort to elect their candidate by staying at home. If this is not true they will deserve defeat, and meet it. But if the Republicans of the state go to the polls in April Judge Montgomery will have a rousing majority, and Michigan will again be substantially placed in the Republican column.—*Det. Tribune.*

The Atlanta and Columbus (Ga.) boards of trade recently passed resolutions endorsing "the policy of reciprocity of trade with foreign nations, on the plan as recently adopted with the republic of Brazil, secured by the efforts of James G. Blaine, secretary of state." Mr. Cleveland ought to see out a writ of injunction to prevent his solid south from falling in love with Blaine's way of doing business.—*Iowa State Register.*

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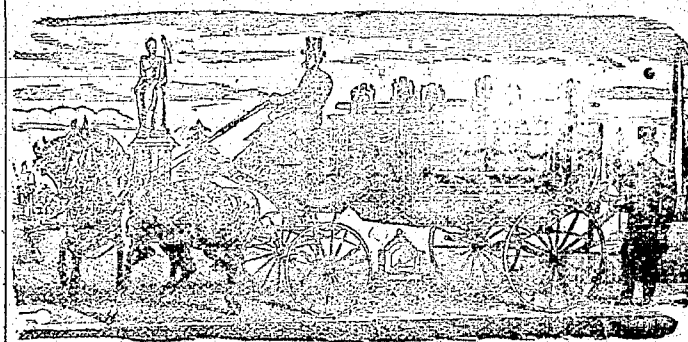
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